

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, line 2, add the following paragraph in the form of a section heading after the title “TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL WITH REINFORCED BEAD STRUCTURE” and prior to the section heading “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION”:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Page 1, line 2, add the following new paragraph after the heading “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS” added above and prior to the section heading “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION”:

This application is a national-phase entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from International Application No. PCT/IB2002/002457, filed June 27, 2002, at the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, the content of which is relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.